

NEWSLETTER

April 2024

Dear <<First Name>>,

I would like to start this month's message by urging all Ethiopians, regardless of artificially given regional boundaries or ethnicity, to UNITE in working closely to stop the government-initiated conflict against Amhara civilians across the nation, targeted killings in Arsi, Wollega, as well as other parts of Oromia region, and halt the demolition of historical neighborhoods in Addis Ababa. We also call for the



restoration of rights and reparations for the injustices faced by Addis Ababa residents. Immediate actions are also required to provide relief for drought-stricken civilians in Afar, Amhara, and Tigray regions.

Your opinion about forming a UNITED Ethiopians forum composed of thought leaders from all corners of the nation is welcome.

2024 Elections:

AEPAC has initiated the 2024 candidate election process by approving the following three questions as a basis to support or not support a candidate for the US Congress:

A. Would you support AEPAC's mission of advancing US-Ethiopia relations with a focus on human

rights, the rule of law, good governance, and democracy for the Ethiopian people? Additionally,

would you be interested in contributing to this mission by actively participating in the Ethiopian

Caucus in the US Congress?

B. Will you issue a public statement condemning atrocities, human rights violations, violations of

the rule of law, and restrictions on freedom of religion and the press in Ethiopia, and advocate for

legislation that supports the rights and freedoms of the Ethiopian people?

C. Given Ethiopia's standing among the top five recipients of U.S. financial aid and recognizing the

power of the purse vested in the United States Congress, will you advocate for leveraging this

financial influence to enforce accountability by imposing targeted sanctions against Ethiopian

officials involved in corruption, atrocities, and human rights abuses? Additionally, would you

commit to sending a letter to POTUS advocating for the application of the Magnitsky Act to those

Ethiopian leaders guilty of such offenses?

These questions are submitted to both Democratic and Republican candidates running for US

Congress in both the House and Senate.

Campaign Contributions:

As we enter a very busy campaign season, where endorsed candidates will be supported both

financially and in mobilizing voters, AEPAC expects to donate ranging from \$80K to \$95K this

campaign season to help elect our endorsed candidates. Therefore, we need all supporters to renew

their membership donations effective immediately. Please go to www.aepact.org, press donate, and

contribute as soon as you finish reading this newsletter. Thank you for your prompt action.

<u>Legislation Updates:</u>

Both state and federal pro-Ethiopia legislations and resolutions are in the works. AEPAC will

provide updates as needed and will reach out to you via Voter's Voice when there is a need to contact

your representative to support a legislation or resolution under development.

Thank you for your continued support and activism.

Yours Sincerely,

Mesfin Tegenu

Chairman

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